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Report of the Credentials Committee**Credentials of representatives at the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority***Chair:* Urs Daniel Engels (Germany)

1. At its 171st plenary meeting, held on 23 July 2018, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Belgium, Chile, Germany, Jamaica, Myanmar, Poland, Senegal, South Africa and Tonga.
2. On 25 July 2018, the Credentials Committee held one meeting and elected Urs Daniel Engels (Germany) as its Chair for the twenty-fourth session.
3. The Credentials Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum of the secretariat dated 25 July 2018 on the status of those credentials.
4. As at 25 July, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by the Minister had been submitted for the representatives of the following 59 States participating in the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, France, Gabon, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.¹
5. As at 25 July, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of initialled notes verbales from ministries,

¹ As listed in para. 1 of the memorandum of the secretariat.



embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations, permanent missions to the International Seabed Authority and other government offices or authorities by 16 States, participating in the Assembly, namely, Argentina, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eswatini, the Gambia, Germany, Haiti, Iraq, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Oman and Saudi Arabia, as well as by the European Union.²

6. The Chair proposed that the Committee accepts the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft decision was proposed by the Chair for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives at the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 25 July 2018,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft decision was adopted by the Committee without a vote.
8. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below.
9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends that the Assembly adopt the following draft decision:

Draft decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives at the twenty-fourth session of the International Seabed Authority

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approves the report of the Credentials Committee.³

² As listed in para. 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat.

³ ISBA/24/A/7.



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The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approves the report of the
Credentials Committee.¹

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Election to fill vacancies on the Council, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention**Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea***The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,**Recalling that, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,**“Elections shall take place at regular sessions of the Assembly. Each member of the Council shall be elected for four years”,**Elects the following to fill the vacancies in the Council of the International Seabed Authority for a four-year period as from 1 January 2019, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups:¹***Group A**Italy²

Russian Federation

¹ The agreed allocation of seats on the Council is 10 seats to the African Group, 9 seats to the Asian Group, 8 seats to the Western European and Others Group, 7 seats to the Latin American and Caribbean Group and 3 seats to the Eastern European Group. Since the total number of seats allocated according to that formula is 37, it is understood that, in accordance with the understanding reached in 1996 (ISBA/A/L.8), each regional group other than the Eastern European Group will relinquish a seat in rotation. The regional group that relinquishes a seat will have the right to designate a member of that group to participate in the deliberations of the Council without the right to vote during the period the regional group relinquishes the seat.

² Italy would relinquish its seat in group A in favour of the United States of America if the United States became a member of the Authority; this does not prejudice the position of any country with respect to any intervening election to the Council.



Group B

France
Germany
Republic of Korea

Group C

Australia³
Chile⁴

Group D

Fiji
Jamaica
Lesotho

Group E

Cameroon
Ghana
Indonesia⁵
Mexico
Mozambique
Nigeria
Singapore
Tonga

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³ Australia is re-elected for a period of four years (2019–2022), on the understanding that, in 2021, it will relinquish its seat in group C to Indonesia. Australia will be a member of group E in 2021.

⁴ Chile is re-elected for a period of four years (2019–2022), on the understanding that, in 2020, it will relinquish its seat in group C to Indonesia. Chile will be a member of group E in 2020.

⁵ Indonesia is re-elected for a period of four years (2019–2022), on the understanding that, in 2020, it will relinquish its seat in group E to Chile and will occupy the seat in group C relinquished by Chile, and that, in 2021, it will relinquish its seat in group E to Australia and will occupy the seat in group C relinquished by Australia.